



Wide Area Workflow (WAWF)

Wide Area Workflow (WAWF) is a Department of Defense (DoD) enterprise-wide web application designed to eliminate paper and costs in managing the Department's invoice, receipt and acceptance process. WAWF speeds the billing for and acceptance of goods and services by (1) making what was once paper electronic and (2) passing these documents electronically rather than through the mail.

In October 2005, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management and Comptroller) joined with other Department of the Navy (DON) partners to deploy WAWF across the DON and to develop systems interfaces.

As a direct result of the WAWF training and implementation efforts, the DON increased WAWF usage by 143% from 26,578 transactions to 64,470 transactions, an increase of almost 38,000 transactions, from the first quarter FY 2005 to the first quarter FY 2006. The increased WAWF transaction volume resulted in savings of over \$3.3 million for the DON in the first quarter of FY 2006 as compared to \$1.3 million in the first quarter of FY 2005.

In FY 2006 approximately \$1.4 million were saved by taking advantage of Defense Finance and Accounting Services' lower electronic rate for invoices processed through WAWF. In addition, DON saved \$1.9 million in interest penalties by speeding payment to vendors. As the DON continues to increase its user base and transaction volume, savings capitalization will continue to grow. The resulting standardized business process will help the DON achieve a clean audit opinion on its financial statements.

An example of a Command that has realized significant success as a result of implementing WAWF is Strategic Systems Programs (SSP). SSP processes all self-administered contracts through WAWF. Their continued support and participation in requirements definition has resulted in additional functionality being added to the application. For example, SSP routinely awards contracts funded with Foreign Military Sales (FMS) and multiple lines of accounting. The original version was unable to accommodate all the requirements of processing FMS contracts. Through continued pro-active participation, SSP was able to influence the incorporation of some additional unique functionality and further expand the capacity of WAWF to support the full range of FMS contracting needs. Prior to FY 2005, when SSP's contracting office completed implementation of WAWF, SSP interest payments averaged approximately \$22 thousand per year. Since that time, SSP has paid no interest.

The deployment of WAWF and the development of DON interfaces support DoD and DON goals to achieve clean financial statements and reduce DON operating costs by eliminating manual processes.

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